

Amendments to the Claims

1 Claim 1 (previously presented): A computer program product embodied on one or more
2 computer-readable media, for establishing a secure connection between a client application and a
3 server application using pre-existing message types, said computer program product comprising:

4 computer-readable program code means for piggy-backing a request for a message
5 encoding scheme proposal onto a first message sent from said client application to said server
6 application, wherein said first message uses a first pre-existing message type;

7 computer-readable program code means for piggy-backing a first portion of security
8 information onto a second message sent from said server application to said client application,
9 wherein said second message uses a second pre-existing message type and wherein said first
10 portion comprises a response to said request for a message encoding scheme;

11 computer-readable program code means for piggy-backing a second portion of security
12 information onto a third message sent from said client application to said server application,
13 wherein said third message uses said first pre-existing message type; and

14 computer-readable program code means for piggy-backing a third portion of security

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